



## Sixth Meeting of the UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015 (10:00 - 17:25)  
Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Genève

Considering the important role of research and policy analysis in the development of appropriate policies and legislation responding to the challenges faced in the area of competition law and policy, and consumer protection, UNCTAD created the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) in 2010. RPP is an initiative that aims at contributing to the development of best practices in the formulation and effective enforcement of competition and consumer protection laws and policies so as to promote development.

RPP brings together researchers from research institutions, universities, competition authorities and civil society, and provides a platform where they can undertake joint research and other activities, exchange ideas on the issues and challenges in the area of competition and consumer protection faced particularly by developing countries and economies in transition.

The role of UNCTAD is to facilitate and provide guidance on the research and analysis undertaken by researchers within RPP, with a view to benefiting from the research findings in its technical assistance and capacity building activities. The research undertaken within the RPP would result in joint publications (research papers, policy briefs and research-based analytic notes) on competition law and policy, and consumer protection issues.

Since 2010, the members of the RPP, interested researchers and UNCTAD staff have come together at the margins of the annual session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, and exchange views on ongoing projects and discuss new research proposals.

Currently we have **nine** active projects under the RPP. During this year's RPP meeting, we will discuss the developments within some of these projects and hear a number of new research project proposals.

For more information on RPP and the ongoing projects, visit the RPP website at:  
<http://www.unctad.org/en/Pages/DITC/CompetitionLaw/ResearchPartnership/ResearchPartnership-Platform-on-Competition-and-Consumer-Protection--.aspx>

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### WORK PROGRAMME

<b>10:00 - 10:10</b>	<b>Opening of the Fourth Meeting of the Research Partnership Platform</b>
	Introductory remarks by <b>Graham Mott</b> , Coordinator of the Platform and Economic Affairs Officer, Competition Law and Consumer Policies Branch, DITC, UNCTAD
<b>10:10 – 10:45</b>	<b>PART I: PRESENTATIONS OF COMPLETED PROJECTS</b>
	<p>This part of the programme will see the launch of the second publication in the UNCTAD RPP Publication Series and a presentation of completed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Deborah Healey</b>, University of New South Wales <i>Competition Law and the State</i></li></ul>
<b>10:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>PART II: PRESENTATIONS OF ONGOING PROJECTS</b>
	<p>During this session, presentations on the progress made with some of ongoing projects and on the outcomes of completed projects will be given by the coordinators of these projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Michal Gal</b>, University of Haifa Faculty of Law, and <b>Prof. Thomas Cheng</b>, University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law <i>Competition Law and Aggregate Concentration</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Tim Buthe</b>, Duke University <i>The Global Diffusion of Competition Law: A Spatial Analysis</i> (a research project with <b>Shahryar Minhas</b>)</li><li>• <b>Prof. Frédéric Jenny</b>, ESSEC Business School <i>Interaction between Regional Competition Law Systems and National Enforcement</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Tania Zuniga-Fernandez</b>, CEPIC, ESAN University, Peru <i>Competition and Concentration in Latin American emerging economies</i></li></ul>
<b>12:30 - 14:00</b>	<b><u>LUNCH BREAK</u></b>

<b>14:00 – 16:35</b>	<b>PART III: PRESENTATIONS OF NEW PROJECTS</b>
	<p>During this session of the meeting, presentations will be made of the newest projects being carried out under the auspices of the platform, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Laura Best</b>, Nelson Mandela University <i>Incorporate Sustainability into Consumer Protection Policies</i></li> <li>• <b>Hassan Qaqaya</b>, Perdana University, Malaysia <i>The application of competition law to small-and-medium enterprises (“SMEs”): lessons from selected APEC countries</i></li> <li>• <b>Iris Benöhr</b>, Queen Mary University, UK <i>A comparative analysis of consumer protection in financial services across developing countries</i></li> <li>• <b>Alexey Ivanov</b>, Skolkovo Laboratory on Law and Development <i>The regulation of the food retail sector: towards a new paradigm of competition policy</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Patrick L. Krauskopf</b>, ZHAW Centre Competition Law <i>Class Actions in Competition Law</i></li> <li>• <b>Dovile Venskutonyte</b>, University of Amsterdam <i>Bespoke Competition Policy for Developing Countries</i> (a research project with <b>Prof. Maarten Pieter Schinkel</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>16:35 – 17:15</b>	<b>PART IV: PRESENTATIONS OF PARTNERS’ RESEARCH</b>
	<p>This part will be devoted to presentations by RPP partners of research complimentary to the work being carried out under the RPP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mor Bakhoun</b>, Max Planck Institute <i>Economic Characteristics of Developing Jurisdictions: Their implication for Competition law</i></li> <li>• <b>Santiago Roca</b>, Universidad ESAN <i>Decentralizing Consumer Protection: a Comparative Study between México, United States, Sweden and Brazil</i></li> </ul>
<b>17:15 – 17:25</b>	<b>Wrap-up and closing remarks</b>